MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The Division Peishkars have been authorised to inspect these weights and measures.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether they actually inspect these weights and measures ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: They are doing it and Government are getting periodical reports to that effect. Government are satisfied that the responsibility vested in these officers has been discharged to a satisfactory extent.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether Government are aware that most of these merchants, especially shop keepers, keep two kinds of measures, one prescribed by the Government and another which is not prescribed ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government are not aware of that. Government are however aware that here and there unauthorised weights and measures are used. They have recently issued very stringent instructions that the provisions of the law should be enforced as far as possible.

Appointments made by the Superintendent, Government Press.

246. ❋ **MR. K. T. THOMAS** (*Tiruvalla*) : Will the Govern-ment be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of appointments made by the Superintendent, Government Press, without being recommended by the Public Service Commissioner, after 1-1-1112 : and

(*b*) the names and particulars of such appointments with the history of service of the appointments?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Permanent 3
Acting 8

(*b*) PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS.

1. K. P. Raghavan Pillai, who has been appointed as counter has had five years 9 months and 22 days' aggregate acting service in the department till the 25th June 1935.

2. V. Janardhanan Nair has been appointed as Casting Operator with effect from 1-11-1112. He has been acting in the same vacancy from 1-3-1111 and was declared S. P. T. from 24-2-1112.

3. L. P. Britto Mutunayagom was appointed as S. P. T. Foreman on Rs. 25-40 with effect from 25-9-1112 and was confirmed from 1-1-1113 when the place became vacant.

ACTING APPOINTMENTS.

1. C. Parameswaran Pillai was appointed as Ag. Assistant Caster for a short period.

2. Damodaran was appointed as acting Packer, Carrier and Messenger for a short period.

3. Ponnappan Asari as acting Proof Reader for a short period from 27-5-1113.

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4. Govinda Pillai as acting Packer, Carrier and Messenger on Rs. 9 in a short vacancy from 3-7-1113.

5. M. N. Balakrishnan Nair as acting Proof Reader on Rs. 10 in a short vacancy from 4-8-1113.

6. Albert Joseph as acting Computor on Rs. 15 in a short vacancy from 22-8-1113

7. Ramalingom as acting Packer, Carrier and Messenger on Rs. 9 in a short vacancy from 19-10-1113.

8. Mr. M. Gopinathan Nair as acting Proof Examiner on Rs. 20 in a short vacancy from 24-10 1113.

MR. K. T. THOMAS : May I know the reasons for making these appointments without the concurrence of the Public Service commissioner ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : So far as acting appointments are concerned, they were made in short vacancies for which the appointing authorities are competent. Of the three permanent vacancies, two are confirmation of persons who began to act before the Public Service Commissioner began to make appointments and the third one, Mr. Britto Muthunayagom, was appointed under special sanction of Government.

MR. K. T. THOMAS : May I know whether any of these eight acting incumbents are now in service ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : That information is not now available. I presume they are not, unless they have been appointed now in short vacancies after they were sent out then.

MR. K. T. THOMAS : May I know whether any report was sent to Government after making these appointments ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : As these appointments were made in short vacancies, under the rules they need not be reported to the Government.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN ; May I know whether there was anybody in the department who had longer period of acting service than the persons referred to in the answer.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : May I know from the member whether he refers to the acting appointments or the permanent ones ?

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : Acting appointments.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : Those were appointments in short vacancies for periods of not more than one month.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN ; May I know who had longer period of acting service when they were appointed ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : I am afraid the honourable member is asking questions without understanding the rules. Acting appointments were made in vacancies not exceeding one month in duration. Fresh hands are appointed in such vacancies.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether any complaint was received regarding that ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : Government have received no complaints.

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